

RE: Proof of Vaccination policies – council agenda communication

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Dear Council Colleagues,

I observe that, in Ontario, we have a highly vaccinated, masked, social distanced, and vaccine-status-segregated society. Yet the COVID omicron variant has spread rapidly through the population despite these precautions. This very unexpected result tells me that we have been acting on some false assumptions. There are plenty of reasons why our map might not be the same as the territory, and multiple ways that data may be getting misinterpreted.

I know that my perspectives are frustrating to some other council members, and I attribute this to different world views. To me, it is very plausible that monied interests would encourage the adoption of false assumptions so that billions of deficit dollars would be spent on more vaccines than were necessary. The introduction of weaponized narratives also seems to have held us on that course.

There are new definitions for words like “pandemic”, “vaccine”, “herd immunity”, and “case”. For diagnosis, we switched from cultured samples to PCR tests which are much less reliable. Some statistics combined the people who died “with COVID” and the people who died “of COVID”. All these things can skew our perspective of reality.

A big part of the pandemic story has been attacks on people with different views, especially doctors who were proposing existing treatments as an alternative to locking down society until vaccines could be developed as a cure to wipe out COVID. There has also been a laser focus on cases while the collateral damage of mandates has been largely ignored.

I don't say this to detract from people's any sincere efforts to keep themselves and others safe. It is not their fault if others have manipulated the situation. I write these things to be transparent about why I don't agree with the more extreme policy actions that discriminate, coerce, or take away people's rights. I also don't want our free society to become a medical technocracy where unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats control our lives.

I respect that you may have a world view where the things I suggest are beyond the realm of possibility. For that reason, I won't waste your time trying to convince you. However, I do consider it my duty to document these observations and place them on the public record.

Sincerely,

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